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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL INSPECTION OF MOFA

1. PRESIDENT PARK MADE ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S INSPECTION OF MOFA FEBRUARY 5. ACCORDING TO PRESS, HE STRESSED NEED FOR SECURITY AND ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY, SAYING ROK IS ENGAGED IN "DIPLOMATIC WAR OF ATTRITION" WITH NORTH KOREA. PARK CALLED FOR INTENSIFICATION OF ECONOMIC EFFORTS THROUGH COOPERATION AMONG BOTH OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE KOREAN CITIZENS ABROAD UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ROK AMBASSADORS IN EACH FOREIGN COUNTRY.

2. FINMIN KIM DONG-JO BRIEFED PRESIDENT ON ROK DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR 1975. ACCORDING TO PRESS, KIM SAID THAT ROK WILL MAKE INTENSIVE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES FRIENDLY TO NORTH KOREA, INCLUDING COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. IN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC SUPERIORITY OVER NORTH KOREA, KIM SAID, ROK WILL SEEK TO BOOST TIES WITH NONALIGNED NATIONS THROUGH INCREASING NUMBER OF NONALIGNED VISITORS TO ROK, EXPANDED ROK MISSIONS IN NONALIGNED COUNTRIES, AND INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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WITH THE NONALIGNED. KIM ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT "STEPPED-UP

EFFORTS WILL BE LAUNCHED TO PREVENT OUR ALLIES FROM MAKING DIPLOMATIC APPROACHES TOWARD NORTH KOREA."

3. PRESS REPORTED THAT PLANS ARE BEING MADE IN MOFA TO SENT SPECIAL MISSIONS TO EGYPT, IRAQ, AND NORTH YEMEN, AS WELL AS TO ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND SAO TOME. THIS REPORT FOLLOWS RECENT CONFERENCE OF CHIEFS OF ROK MISSIONS IN MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA. FONMIN KIM ANNOUNCED THAT CHIEFS OF ASIAN MISSIONS WOULD MEET IN JAKARTA IN LATE FEBRUARY; EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA MISSION CHIEFS IN PARIS IN MID-MARCH; AND THOSE FROM CENTRAL AND LATIN AMERICA IN SEOUL IN EARLY APRIL.

4. KIM ALSO REPORTEDLY TOLD PARK THAT ROK WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO FURTHER CONSOLIDATE ROK TIES WITH US AND JAPAN. HE SAID ROK WILL PRESS FOR UNILATERAL ADMISSION TO UN, IF NORTH CONTINUES TO REJECT DUAL ENTRY, AND WILL PUT INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON NORTH KOREA TO CONCLUDE NONAGGRESSION PACT AND NORMALIZE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE.
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